

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 17, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 856

Introduced by Assembly Member Parra

February 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 52324 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 856, as amended, Parra. Agriculture.

Existing law provides that the Department of Food and Agriculture may pay counties an annual subvention for costs incurred in the enforcement of provisions of law relating to seed identification and quality. Existing law provides, pursuant to those provisions, that counties with no registered seed labelers shall annually receive \$100 *and that counties with registered seed labeler operations shall receive no less than \$100.*

This bill would provide that counties with no registered seed labelers may receive the apportioned \$100 subvention of funds at the discretion of the secretary and at the recommendation of the Seed Advisory Board. *This bill would also remove language providing that in no case shall a county with registered seed labeler operations receive less than \$100.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52324 of the Food and Agricultural Code
- 2 is amended to read:

1 52324. The subvention program under Section 52323 is an
2 optional program available to counties. The subvention to counties
3 under Section 52323 shall be annually apportioned as follows:

4 (a) At the discretion of the secretary and upon recommendation
5 of the Seed Advisory Board, counties with no registered seed
6 labelers may annually receive one hundred dollars (\$100).

7 (b) Counties with registered seed labeler operations shall receive
8 subventions based upon units of enforcement activity generated
9 by the registered seed labeler operations within the county and
10 upon the performance of enforcement activities necessary to carry
11 out this chapter. The units of activity shall be determined by the
12 secretary, taking into consideration the number of lots and kinds
13 of seed labeled by each registered seed labeler operation within
14 the county. The rate per unit of activity shall be established by
15 dividing the total statewide units of activity into the annual funds
16 available to the counties under Section 52323 after deducting the
17 amount required for subventions in subdivision (a). Apportionment
18 to individual counties shall be based upon the county's total units
19 of activity performed times the established rate. ~~In no case shall a~~
20 ~~county receive less than one hundred dollars (\$100).~~

21 This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2009, and as
22 of January 1, 2010, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which
23 becomes effective on or before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends
24 the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.